

ORDINANCE NO. 14820

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 52 - 2010

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILPERSONS Schweyer, D'Amore, Schlossberg, Donovan,
O'Connell and Guridy

September 1, 2010

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Article 1759.99 of the Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code by establishing a penalty of One Thousand Dollars for occupied units that have been identified by the City as "unfit for human habitation" or "occupancy unlawful" and for each unit that has been identified by the City as an illegal unit.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That Article 1759.99 FEES/PENALTIES be amended to include the following numbers three and four under B, Penalties:

1759.99 FEES/PENALTIES SECTION

B. PENALTIES

1. Revocation of Residential Rental Registration or Residential Rental License:

A fine of not less than Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars per residential rental unit for each month the violation exists. Each month the violation exists constitutes a separate violation. A fine shall not be sought for any period during which the residential rental unit is vacant and the owner, operator, responsible agent or manager is taking appropriate action to correct the violations. (14436 §1 11/7/06)

2. Failure to Register, or Failure to Seek a Residential Rental License (for newly constructed, newly created or substantially rehabilitated residential rental units):

The owner, responsible agent or manager shall be sent a Thirty (30) Day Notice of Violation, warning them of their failure to comply with the terms of this Article. If they do not comply at the end of thirty (30) days, there shall be a fine of not less than Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars per residential rental unit for each month the violation exists. Each month the violation exists constitutes a separate violation.

3. There shall be a penalty fee of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for occupying, or allowing to be occupied any unit that has been identified by the City as "unfit for human habitation" or "occupancy unlawful". Any unpaid charges relative to this penalty shall be subject to a lien being placed upon the property.

4. There shall be a penalty fee of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for each unit identified by the City as an illegal unit. Any unpaid charges relative to this penalty shall be subject to a lien being placed upon the property.

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on September 15th and signed by the Mayor on September 17th, 2010.


CITY CLERK